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THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1875.

THE new Board of Education held its first meeting last evening and the proceedings of the body appear in another column. In future we intend to report the proceedings of the Board of Education regularly as we do now those of the Common Council and of the Board of Supervisors. And to start out with we suggest that the Board hold its regular monthly meetings in a specified locality. This city pays a large sum of money for school purposes and the proceedings of the Board are matters of public interest.

In our Legislative proceedings it is stated that "the Los Angeles members are unfavorable to dividing the payment of taxes." We cannot of course know upon what authority the reporter makes this statement. The opinion of Senator BUSH on the subject we never heard, but before leaving home for the capitol, General McCONNELL expressed himself in favor of the measure and it was understood he would introduce a bill providing for the division. We were also informed that Mr. LAMBOURN concurred with the General on this issue.

In recommending the taxation of Church property the President no doubt fancied he was aiming a heavy blow at the Roman Catholic Church as that denomination owns a large amount of wealth in churches and cathedrals, but it so happens that the Chief Executive goes out of his way to make this suggestion. The right to regulate taxation belongs rather to the State than to the nation. We believe all property should bear its equal share of taxation no matter whether it is called a church or a farm. California makes this requirement and the day is not distant when a similar law will be found in the statutes of every State in the Union.

SENATOR ROACH of San Francisco is a gallant young bachelor who loses no opportunity to prove himself the friend and champion of the ladies. His last effort in this direction is the introduction of a bill making wife-beating punishable with the lash. If this bill becomes law the brutal husband who whips his wife shall himself be whipped by the Sheriff. The man who lays his hand on a woman save in the way of kindness is a first-class scoundrel and we hope the Senator's bill will not only pass, but that it will be rigidly enforced on the back of every man convicted of beating his wife.

It is doubted if the passage of a law postponing the payment of taxes will result beneficially to the masses. The result will come in this shape: Both the State and many counties will be unable to redeem the warrants now in the hands of the people and unpaid, for want of funds. If the bill which Senator LAINE of Santa Clara has prepared, becomes a law, the payment of these warrants will be postponed and the holders will be compelled to sell them to speculators and capitalists at a heavy discount. This inconvenience would only be felt at the inauguration of the measure and would entirely disappear with the first year's trial. We are firm in the belief that it would be beneficial to the people to divide the taxes making half payable on the first of January and the other half payable on the first of July.

THE Independent party, perhaps we should say the great Independent party, is no more. Alas poor Yorick! It breathed its last on the first ballot for the organization of the present Legislature. The party is not only dead but it is buried in the maw of its hated relative and bitter enemy—the Republican party. There was no Independent caucus for officers and when it came to a ballot the Independent Senators and Assemblymen fell into line and voted for the Republican nominees with the easy nonchalance of individuals "to the manner born." GORHAM and PHELPS should have been there and BOOTH and BIDWELL should have stood beside PACHECO. What a chance was lost to shake hands across a gulch that once seemed so wide that no arm was long enough to reach across it. Vale, Independent party. Some things are too pure for this world.

Peel, Barrows and the Grangers.

It is a great pity that these gentlemen have not given to the world their views at an earlier date. President GRANT would surely have embodied their notions in his message, and perhaps have called one or two of them to the cabinet. He may yet see the propriety of requesting their presence at the seat of government to aid the Treasury department in solving the mystery that hangs over the monetary affairs of the nation. The men at the head of the Kentucky Grange have a clearer idea of the situation than Col. PEEL would give them credit for. The \$351,000,000 National Bank notes in circulation some of the people are now paying interest on or they would never have found their way into circulation or left the vaults of the respective

banks that secured them in return for the bonds deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury. The government had a two-fold object in establishing the present system of National Banks: one to supply the wants of local and general commerce, the other to give value to the bonds themselves at a critical time in the history of the nation. Both these reasons conspired to give the banking system such an advantage as never before in the history of the world was offered to bankers. This crisis having now passed, a remodeling of the system is demanded. When consistent with the obligations incurred by the government, the interest on our bonded indebtedness must be reduced to three and one half per cent. Offer such inducement to a national banking system secured by these bonds that will make it popular and attractive, and we will see our bonds coming back from London, Frankfurt and Amsterdam. The interest will be paid to our own people. This being retained at home it does not impoverish the country nor exhaust our coin or bullion. The extreme madness that seems to have possessed every Secretary of the Treasury since the commencement of the war period to reduce the debt annually, has added much to our financial embarrassment and to the oppression of the people. Future generations of men with increased wealth, the basis of which we are now laying in foil and trouble, must look out for this. If this national debt is handled with prudence it will not prove a calamity, in fact other nations whose greatness in everything that enables civilization equals ours, regard their debt as a blessing. Whether this be so or not, their views are entitled to consideration. The fact is simply this. The nation cannot at once slip from paper currency to gold and silver payments. The means must be produced and steps taken to keep our gold and silver at home. Patriotism must step in and take the place of politics and the representative men of both parties must not give up to party what belongs to the nation. The collection of revenue must be simplified and placed in the hands of one department. That of customs that now produce three-fifths is managed simply and cheaply, and there is no whisky rings or public plunder about it. Democrats, Republicans and Independents are equally interested in getting the nation out of panic, bankruptcy and uncertainty and they should all unite in demanding a sound and honest medium of circulation. If United States government bonds bearing three and one-half per cent are made the basis of banking and stand in the Treasury as security for the issue of the bank notes to the full amount of the deposit might be issued, as the government can only stand security for the redemption of the notes authorized to be issued. It cannot stand sponsor for the good management of the banks for this would be an impossibility. Therefore all espionage and examination of commissioners should cease. The government license and taxation on average capital done away with. The banks will then be popular, their notes as good as the bank of England notes, and every body satisfied.

Avoid Debt.

Remembering that economy is the road to wealth many men have acquired fortunes, and it is to be regretted that that the adage is not more firmly fixed in the minds of those on whom devolve the management of towns, cities and counties. The passion for creating indebtedness has become almost chronic with cities and counties in this State. Efforts at internal improvement have involved not a few in liabilities to pay off which unborn generations must be heavily taxed. But for assistance from the State the county of Calaveras must have gone into insolvency and become the property of her bondholders. The indebtedness of San Joaquin county is so heavy that taxation prevents the influx of capital. Sacramento county is so heavily involved that her people regard partial repudiation or insolvency as their only recourse. These liabilities have been incurred in attempts at improvement. They are the results of a mistaken policy, and now that we have examples fully in sufficient number before us let us hope that Los Angeles county which is now comparatively free of bonded debt, will take economy and avoid the rock which has so shattered the prospects of other counties. The thrifty individual mends his old coat until he has money to buy a new one. If we are wise we will use our present county buildings until we are in a condition to build new ones without issuing bonds in payment thereof. We regard the policy of the *Express* in urging the building of a new Court House as dangerous to our future prosperity. Our State and county tax on property outside of the city is now \$1.98 on the hundred dollars. In the city it is \$1.83, and the city tax is \$1.03, making a total of \$2.86 on the hundred dollars. This is quite enough for a city that expects to attract outside capital. We want men of money to locate among us; we want them to come here and build houses, erect machinery and establish factories, and we cannot more effectively defeat our purpose than to increase our taxation above the present figures. Money avoids cities and counties where it is heavily taxed. Our Court House will serve until we have money to build a better, and our jail accommodations are fully up to the social status of the persons who take lodgings within the structure. A mortgage adds nothing to the beauty or utility

of an edifice, no matter whether it is a public building or a private residence, and we are sure the people of Los Angeles county would much prefer using the Court House they now own to having their property taxed to pay interest on bonds issued to build a more showy temple of justice.

Latest Telegrams.

BY ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC LINE.

[SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.]

PACIFIC COAST.

Legislative Proceedings.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—In the Assembly, McCONNELL's bill, providing for an additional justice and constable for Los Angeles, passed.

McCONNELL introduced a bill to regulate the practice of medicine. Referred to a special committee.

McCONNELL introduced a bill to abolish the State Board of Equalization and transfer to the business to the Controller's Office. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

McCONNELL gave notice of a bill to amend the sections of the Penal Code as to the right of the right to change the venue when jurors cannot be obtained in criminal cases.

LAMBOURN introduced a resolution to appoint a committee to investigate and report the feasibility of printing all books for the use of schools within the State. Referred to the Committee on Education.

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The southern members on committee are as follows: Senate—Graves, on Judiciary; Elections—Bush on Irrigation, Agriculture, Hospitals, Mines and Mining, Assembly—Hayne, on Claims, McCONNELL, on Judiciary, and Irrigation.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 15.—Bush's bill to amend the Code in regard to the time of killing game in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, after considerable discussion, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. The time prohibited is from April 1st to August 1st.

Graves gave notice of a bill to amend the law to prevent trespassing in Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis, Obispo and Monterey counties.

In the Assembly Lambourn was placed on the Committee for the Improvement of the Grapes; Hayne, on Indian Affairs; and McCONNELL on Irrigation.

No session of the Senate was held today.

The Assembly adjourned at eleven o'clock. The Chamber is now being prepared for the inaugural ball tonight. It will be a grand affair.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The managers of the Direct U. S. cable offer one thousand pounds sterling for the discovery of the vessel that broke the cable.

The activity of Secretary Bristow in prosecuting the whiskey ring has made him so unpopular in high circles that it is expected that he will soon be compelled to resign.

It is now reported that Babcock has suppressed affidavits which had been laid before the President would have exposed the St. Louis whiskey frauds long ago.

A special from London says that a vessel named the Terrier, which arrived off Selly yesterday from Newfoundland, reports having passed the French steamer L'Amirante, from New York for Havre, before reported with shaft broken, on the 1st of Dec., in latitude 50, longitude 18.

At eight o'clock yesterday morning in New York the thermometer stood at 20° below zero.

Gerdenian the ex-artist, lectured in New York last evening on the Confessional.

It is now reported that Tweed, Grant and O'Connell are in the vicinity of New York city and that Tweed is seeking a compromise by refunding \$500,000 to the city.

On Tuesday night while returning to the city from the Cliff House accompanied by two ladies a Mr. Aiken was met by foot pads and robbed of \$38.

On Tuesday night in San Francisco, Timothy Harrington fell dead on the street.

J. W. Tyler and John Wade, Attorneys, had a fight in Judge Sawyer's Court, San Francisco, on Tuesday for which the Judge fined Tyler \$15 and Wade \$13.

The steamer Los Angeles was reported at Victoria and is now on her way to San Francisco.

San Bernardino Items.

[From the Times of the 11th inst.] The thermometer marked 100 degrees in the sun at noon today. How is that with 20 degrees below zero in the East.

We could stand another rain very conveniently. The hot days have dried the ground to some depth.

Carpenters are busy putting in beams and stays under the bell tower of the Court House to give it strength to bear the massive bell which will be hoisted next week.

Slim Jim, the notorious monte sharp of the Central Pacific Railroad, is one of our visitors at present. He is here apparently on business connected with his profession.

We have to record another fatal accident from the falling of a tree. It appears from the best information we can get that James Sellers, a native of St. Louis, forty-four years of age, has been engaged for the past three days at Acker & Gilman's camp felling timber.

While engaged at work about nine o'clock yesterday morning a tree, which he was cutting down on a side hill, fell in a direction he had not anticipated and caught him in its limbs carrying him down the hill and literally burying him to the neck in instant death. The remains of the unfortunate man were brought to town this morning and interred in the city grave yard. He is a comparative stranger here, having no friends or relatives, and left no papers or information by which his friends can be found.

Log Cabin.

The Methodist Sunday school of Reno has decided to have what is called a "log cabin" instead of the usual Christmas tree this year. The idea is this: frame work is to be covered with cloth, painted to represent a log cabin. The front of the cabin will be open so that the interior will be visible. An old-fashioned fireplace painted in the back ground, will add to the effect. All the presents will be placed in the cabin. Of course Santa Claus will be there to take charge of the whole affair. There will be singing, recitations, etc., in sufficient quantity to make the whole entertainment one of enjoyment.—Reno Journal.

FIRE IN SAN BERNARDINO.

The Most Valuable Building in the town Destroyed—Heavy Loss to Societies.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 15.—A fire broke out in the large Grange store of O'Conner & Company at about 4 o'clock this A. M., consuming everything excepting a few articles taken from the store.

The second story was occupied by six different secret orders.

Their losses are as follows: B'nai Brith lodge, \$500, not insured; Odd Fellows, \$2,500, insured for \$1,500; Knights of Pythias, total loss, no insurance; Good Templars, total loss, no insurance; Grangers' lodge, total loss; Morse Encampment, No. 51, had just received its regalia, alone valued at \$1,200, and is a total loss, no insurance. The lodge regulars might have been saved only from a report having been circulated that there was a large quantity of powder in the store, which report was not correct, and caused a great loss of lodge fixtures, together with all the records.

The fire was so great that the walls of the building melted down. Great quantities of goods, together with all the lodge regulars, might have been saved only from a report having been circulated that there was a large quantity of powder in the store, which report was not correct, and caused a great loss of lodge fixtures, together with all the records.

Another Account.

A fire broke out this morning at 4:30 o'clock, in the brick building opposite Stark's Hotel, owned by James Waters. The lower story was occupied by H. Conner and L. D. Henry, as a wholesale and retail grocery store, and was known as the Grange store. The upper part was occupied by the L. O. E. F., the Knights of Pythias and the Good Templars. The fire was first seen issuing from the cellar, and before assistance could be had, the fire gained such a headway as to defy all efforts to subdue it. The loss falls heavy upon Mr. Waters, the owner of the building, which was valued at \$18,000 and only insured at \$5,000. Only about \$500 worth of stock was saved. The building was considered the finest in the city, and its destruction detracts a great deal from the appearance of that part of Main street. The Odd Fellows lose \$1,000, and the other two orders lose their entire regalia. It was only by the most desperate efforts of the Fire Department that the adjoining buildings were saved.

A Text for a Sermon on Charity.

New York, Dec. 10th.—A beggar entered Brink's saloon, 12 Greenwich street, to-night, and asked for something to eat. A man named McCutcheon offered him a piece of meat, and as he was about to take it, with drew it and put it into his own mouth, at the same time uttering an exclamation against beggars. He had no sooner made the remark than he commenced to choke, and before assistance could be offered he died, having been choked to death by the piece of meat.

DIED.

SCARBITT—On the 7th inst., in Kansas City, Mo., at the age of 84 years, Mrs. Letitia Scarritt, mother of Mrs. Dr. Lucky, of this city.

After a life of unusual activity and usefulness she peacefully entered into the inheritance prepared for all who truly love and serve God.

NEW TO-DAY.

GRAND CONCERT,

TURN-VEREIN HALL,

Sunday Evening, Dec. 19th,

PROF. REICHEL,

CHANGE OF AGENCY.

ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY

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Is prepared to issue policies on desirable risks.

WM. J. BRODRICK,

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Aetna Insurance Co., of Hartford.

Assets, nearly \$7,000,000.

The Largest American Fire Insurance Co.

GEO. C. BOARDMAN,

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10 Per Cent. Discount.

I. ROSENTHAL & CO.,

No. 8 Los Angeles St.

DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING,

General Merchandise.

Goods Sold Below Cost.

Must be sold March 1st, 1876.

NEW TO-DAY.

Teaching Piano, and French and English Classes.

MRS. WILKINS, at the Mansion, 21 and 23 Broadway Terrace, will take pupils on the Piano, and afternoon and evening classes in the French and English languages. Terms moderate. dec15-1m

ELLIOTT & WARD,

Commercial Brokers,

Room 6 Commercial Bank,

dec15-1m Los Angeles, Cal.

SELECT SCHOOL.

THE FOURTH QUARTER OF MY School will commence on Monday, January 26, A. D. 1876. Location at present on Spring street, between First and Second, east side, in rear of yard next to Methodist Church, South Entrance, Spring street. Hours—From 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 1 1/2 P. M. to 4 P. M. Pupils must attend regularly, no excuse being made except in cases of protracted sickness. Moral suasion is the governing element in this institution, the rule being never resorted to except in cases of extreme stubbornness, etc. Prizes given monthly for proficiency in spelling, etc. I hope no patron of mine will ever think for a minute that I punish a child wrongfully, or show any favors in this respect or any other, as I never do. It has always been a part of my study to guard against this, and to treat all the same in every respect. There is only one way of doing it in this school; that is—Learn you must. Parents should not notice every trifling thing. Children are apt to misrepresent, misapprehend and misconstrue sayings and doings of the teachers; so in case of any dissatisfaction between teacher and pupil or pupil and pupil, and any parent wishes to hear the correct statement, please call at the school rooms, and I will explain before the school, etc. Application must be made prior to sending any pupils. I will let at the school rooms on the 31st, 3rd of December, and 1st of January, in the afternoon.

Reference—S. W. Crocker, Jr., D. B. Hoffman, and J. D. Lynch of the EVENING EXPRESS. Terms—\$5 for the following branches: Orthography, Reading, Penmanship, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography, Grammar, U. S. History, English History, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, Botany, Physiology, Drawing and Composition.

EXTRAS—Higher branches of Mathematics \$2; Phonetic shorthand (Marshall's system) \$2; Spanish, \$2.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE. J. D. DORLAND, Principal.

dec15-1m

Boston Brown Bread

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Every Sunday morning.

German, Milk, Graham, Rye and Wheat

BREAD,

EVERY MORNING.

Leave orders at the American Bread and Cracker Bakery, corner First and Main streets. dec16-1m

The Best Christmas and New Year's present you can make is a case of M. Keller's Old Brand Sherry, which you can get at M. Keller's. Goods delivered to all parts of the city free. dec16-1m

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$300,000.

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Collections made and proceeds remitted at current rates of exchange. dec12

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LARGE AND FASHIONABLE STOCK

Furniture,

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At San Francisco prices, and the Goods

Must be Sold by January 1st, 1876.

All outstanding debts must be settled immediately, to save expenses of collection.

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Spring street, opposite Temple Block.

dec15-1m

If to keep the spirits up you must pour the spirits down, get M. Keller's pure, undiluted Brandy. Goods delivered to all parts of the city free. dec16-1m

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L. W. THATCHER,

Successor to

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Manufacturer, Importer and Dealer in

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DIAMONDS,

Watches, Clocks,

Silver and Silver Plated

WARE,

Spectacles, &c.

HAS THE FINEST STOCK OF Jew-

elry ever brought to Los Angeles,

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FOR CASH!

The Largest Diamonds

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In the Market.

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Stem and Key Winding Watches,

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Quarter-Second Watches, Ladies' Key and Stem-Winding Watches.

Vest Chains, Guard Chains, Neck Chains

OPERA CHAINS,

On hand and made to order. Band and Chain Bracelets, Lockets, Charms, Sleeve Buttons and Studs; Stone, Plain Gold, Chased and Enamelled Rings, IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

The largest and most complete assortment

Spectacles & Optical Goods

In Southern California. BLACK'S Patent Interchangeable Spectacles, the best in use.

A full line of

SOLID SILVER

—AND—

Rogers & Bro.'s Silver Plated Ware.

The Public are invited to examine my stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere. All goods sold engraved FREE OF CHARGE.

N. B.—Watch, Clock and Jewelry repairing, engraving, &c., in all its branches, a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed in every transaction.

L. W. THATCHER,

Keeler City and Southern Pacific R. R. Time,

67 MAIN STREET,

LOS ANGELES, CAL. d-1m

Special Notices.

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In order to establish a cheap and ready means of communication between the advertiser and the reader and facilitate the business of seller and buyer, landlord and tenant, employer and employee, we have reduced the rate of advertising in our "want" column to five cents a line. Business men and the general public will find this the best possible medium of inter-communication and the cheapness of price will recommend it to all.

Hotel, restaurant and boarding house keepers in city and country will find it to their advantage to call on L. Cameron at the Los Angeles fish market, corner of Spring and Court streets and make permanent arrangements for fresh fish to be delivered every day. Vide advertisement in this paper. d15-1m

Why don't you make yourself pretty? Why don't you dress up neat and win the hand of the charming girl? Guerrero, at the corner of the Plaza and Upper Main street, will sell you bargains at astonishing prices in dry of Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, and Shade and Fancy Goods. He is now clearing out his business, and therefore does not stop to look at the original cost of the goods. d16-1m

If you want a good cigar, call on S. W. Newbauer, No. 57 Main street. He keeps the finest brands, including imported "Key West," "High Life," and others. Everything in the smoker's line constantly on hand. d16-1m

Great reduction in Photograph prices. Cards, \$3.00 per dozen. Cabinet, \$4.00 per dozen. The very best work only will be issued at Parker's Photograph Parlor, Downey Block, Los Angeles. dec1m

Jones & Noyes, the well known auction firm, have established a reputation for business sagacity and integrity second to none on the Coast. They do business promptly and reliably and will compare favorably with the best auction houses of San Francisco or New York. Consignments and sales of all kinds attended to promptly, and no trouble to the consignor or owner. Inside or outside sales may be made through them on the best terms and satisfaction guaranteed in every case. No firm in Los Angeles ever had greater success in selling goods so cheaply as Jones & Noyes and their past history is an assurance of future success. Call on them or send your goods to Jones & Noyes, Temple Block, opposite the Court House. nov16-1m

One dozen wares, assorted sizes and kinds for sale at reduced prices at Stoddard's hardware store, 78 Main street. aug17-1m

The principal organs of sense are concentrated to the face. It is therefore worthy of being crowned by all gentlemen, with one of the superior hats which can be had at Desmond's, Main Street. nov16-1m

The Late Awful Winter leaves behind it a frightful legacy of coughs, colds, and pulmonary inflammation. Providentially, however, an absolute and immediate cure has been provided in HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND SWEETWOOD. nov16-1m

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute. d16-1m

F. Adams, merchant tailor, has just received an elegant lot of cloths, cassimeres and suitings of the latest and most fashionable styles. He is now making up the stock in the city, and no one can fail to be suited in making a selection. Call on F. Adams, Spring street, for your stylish suits. nov16-1

